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NON-METALLIC IMPLANT DEVICES
AND INTRA-OPERATIVE METHODS
FOR ASSEMBLY AND FIXATION

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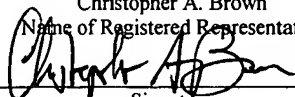
In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, please consider the following. Fees sufficient for three independent claims and 28 total claims have previously been paid. On entry of this amendment, 34 total claims will be pending, of which five are independent. A fee in the amount of \$700.00 is being remitted in payment for six additional total claims and two additional independent claims. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be necessary for consideration of this paper. If any further fees or extensions are deemed necessary, please provide such extensions of time and charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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